

SENATE BILL 434

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 16, Part 6, relative to the offense of
escape.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-605, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) It is an offense for any person who is lawfully confined in a penal institution, as defined in § 39-16-601, to knowingly escape from such institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-605, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) A Class A misdemeanor if the person was being confined for any reason other than a felony offense; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.